

Appl. No. 09/804,973
Amdt. dated May 16, 2005

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed on March 5, 2005. In this Amendment, claim 98 is amended so that it is in independent form, and claim 73 is amended to make a minor editorial correction. New dependent claims 109-113 are added, and claims 84-88, 90-97 and 100 are canceled. Claims 56, 59, 61-67, 69-82, 89, 98, and 109-113 are pending and subject to examination.

Support for new dependent claims 109-113 can be found, for example, at FIGS. 2 and 9 of the application and the written description corresponding thereto.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that claims 56, 59, 61-67, 69-82, 89, and 98 are allowed. The Examiner is thanked for the indication of allowable subject matter. Claim 98 was a dependent claim so it is amended so that it is in independent form.

The Examiner also indicates that claims 84-88, 90-97 and 100 are rejected as obvious over Wilson. Although Applicants do not agree with the rejection, Applicants have canceled claims 84-88, 90-97, and 100. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the rejected claims in a continuation application.

After cancellation of the rejected claims, allowable claims 56, 59, 61-67, 69-82, 89, and 98 would remain. New dependent claims 109-113 depend from allowable claim 74 so all pending claims should now be in condition for allowance.

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CONCLUSION

Since only allowable claims remain, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. Should any remaining issues preclude allowability in this application, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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